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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 09/823,943	<b>Applicant(s)</b> ROSENBERG, LOUIS B.	
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#### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 May 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 45-58 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 45-58 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)          | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)           |
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### **DETAILED ACTION**

The finality of the Office action dated 11 January 2008 has been withdrawn, and prosecution has been reopened.

#### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 45-51, and 55-58 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by Murzanski et al. (US Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0103025) or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Yavetz (US Patent No. 4,938,483).

Murzanski et al. disclose a housing (20,90); a manipulandum (user manipulated components such as control buttons 74, multi-directional D-pad 78, thumb stick 80 and Murzanski states that joysticks are well known in the art which resemble throttle controls) disposed within the housing and operable to cause a control signal to be sent to a remotely-controlled device (paragraph 0057, lines 1-10); an actuator (50) coupled to the housing, the actuator operable to output a haptic sensation to at least one of the housing or the manipulandum; a receiver disposed within the housing and operable to receive a sensor signal from a sensor configured to sense a state of the remotely controlled device (it inherent that the remotely controlled device would include a receiver and a sensor disposed on the remotely controlled device as well as a transmitter to enable wireless communication); and a processor (200) disposed within

the housing in communication with the actuator and the receiver, the processor operable to generate an actuator signal associated with the state of the remotely controlled device, the actuator signal operable to cause the actuator to output the haptic sensation.

In the alternative, Murzanski et al. do not explicitly disclose a receiver with a sensor configured to sense a state of the remotely controlled device and transmitter.

Yavetz teaches a remotely controlled toy vehicle having a receiver and a sensor disposed therein for providing a signal (sensing the state of the toy vehicle) back to the remote control.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide a receiver in communication with a sensor and transmitter as taught by Yavetz, since such a modification would enable wireless communication.

Claims 52-54 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the references as applied to claim 45 above, and further in view of Collier (US Patent No. 4,964,837).

The modified invention of Murzanski lacks the sensor being a contact sensor, pressure sensor, or an accelerometer.

Collier discloses a remotely controlled car that has a radio communication device having a contact sensor, pressure sensor, and an accelerometer (col. 15, lines 57-67).

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the claimed sensors as taught by Collier, since Collier

states at col. 15, lines 65-67, that such a modification would provide detection of various situations encountered by the remotely controlled device.

### ***Response to Arguments***

Applicant's arguments with respect to the claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Urszula M. Cegielnik whose telephone number is 571-272-4420. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, from 5:45AM-2:15PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eugene L. Kim can be reached on 571-272-4463. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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